

Good Afternoon AES Families,

We were so pleased to welcome our AES Eagles back to school. We had a successful first week and are looking forward to a great year ahead!

Below are a few important items and upcoming events:

**Hot Air Balloon Visit:** Sussex Balloon Fiesta is here, and we were so fortunate to have Brad and Stevie Armstrong and their crew from **Up We Go Balloon Quests** visit us with their balloon today! The children loved seeing the balloon basket and hearing the exciting information the pilots shared.

**Fire Drill and Off-Site Evacuation Practice:** As part of the AES Comprehensive Safety Plan, we are required to have a number of fire drill, lockdown and off-site evacuation practices. The purpose of these events is to ensure our children are safe and know what to do in case of an emergency. Each year, we explain to the children that we are moving to our safe space either inside or outside the building. We try to make this a comfortable event for children, but some still may feel nervous. We will always make you aware of the dates for our drills. I encourage you to have a conversation with your child(ren) the day before to reassure them this is a practice and there is nothing to worry about. We will have our first planned fire drill on Tuesday, Sept 12 and our Off-Site Evacuation (where we walk to Apohaqui Community Church with the help of an RCMP Officer) on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

**Student Information Forms:** Your child would have brought home a number of forms this week. We ask that you complete the Student Information Form, a Student Information and Photographs form, an Allergy form and a Computer Access form. Please be sure to complete the forms in full and sign in the required areas.

**Student Fees:** A reminder that student fees are due by the end of September. We ask all families to provide \$40 for each child. This fee covers the cost of their child(ren)'s school supplies. This fee can be paid using [www.SchoolCashOnline.com](http://www.SchoolCashOnline.com) If you have not yet registered using this program, I would recommend doing so as this is our main platform for collecting school funds.

**Breakfast Club:** Eating breakfast each morning positively impacts a child's day. They have more concentration and more energy for the fun things that happen at school! Our wonderful Home & School Committee will begin hosting Breakfast Club on **Monday, Sept. 18**. When they arrive, students are invited to enter the building and head to the gym stage to enjoy breakfast if they were not able to eat at home.

**Hot Lunch:** Our Home & School will be meeting soon to plan our upcoming hot lunch program. More details will follow when the plan is set.

**Staffing:** The agendas we sent home with your child(ren) list the staff we have for this year. Ms. Carr has made a move to grade 3. We are pleased to welcome back Mrs. Carmichael who will teach in Ms. Carr's class on Tuesdays. We would like to welcome Mrs. Roy, our Resource teacher as well as Mme. Douthwright our grade 5 teacher! We will have Ms. Kempster our Guidance Counsellor on Thursdays and Fridays and every other Wednesday. Mrs. Nice will teach music on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

**Upcoming Professional Learning Day:** A reminder that there will be no school for students on Friday, Sept 22. Our staff will be engaged in professional learning on that day.

**Open House:** We welcome parents, guardians and children to our AES Open House (Meet the Teacher Night) on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, from 6:30-7:30 pm. We will begin in the gymnasium at 6:30 pm with a welcome and teacher introductions. You are then invited to go visit your child(ren)'s classroom to meet their teacher and ask any questions you may have.

Have a nice afternoon and a lovely weekend!

Sarah Richards

Principal